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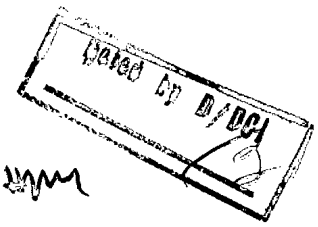

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SENIOR NSC STAFF

SUBJECT: Congressional Publication of Information of Advantage to Foreign Governments

REFERENCES:
A. Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated May 16, 1951
B. NSC Action No. 478
C. Record of Senior NSC Staff Meeting, May 29, par. 1

The enclosed draft memorandum to the National Security Council on the subject, prepared by the Staff Assistants pursuant to Reference C, is transmitted herewith for consideration by the Senior NSC Staff at its meeting on Thursday, June 14, at 2:30 p.m.

JAMES S. LAY, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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After consideration of the subject with the assistance of representatives of the White House Staff and the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, as well as the NSC Representative on Internal Security, the Senior NSC Staff proposes that the National Security Council recommend to the President that he direct letters to the Vice President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives along the following lines:

(1) Indicating that the National Security Council has expressed to the President its concern over disclosures of information in the five categories listed in the enclosure to Reference A, which disclosures are felt to be detrimental to the national security.

(2) Noting that the executive branch has taken and is continuing to take steps to prevent disclosure of information when the matter falls completely within the jurisdiction of the executive branch.

(3) Observing, however, that the disclosures in the

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five categories referred to above are primarily within the province of the legislative branch.

(4) Recommending therefore that appropriate steps be initiated in the Congress with a view to considering these problems.

(5) Since in some respects these problems are of joint concern to the legislative and executive branches, offering to make available to representatives of the Congress the services of competent officials in the executive branch to aid in jointly arriving at solutions of these problems.

(6) Expressing the view that the results of such a joint effort, looking toward identification and control of strategic information in the interests of national security, would facilitate the exchange of information between the legislative and executive branches as well as the release of information, where appropriate, to the public.

JAMES S. LAY, Jr.
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cc: The Secretary of the Treasury
The Director of Defense Mobilization

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